

FOR FREE TEXT BOOKS.

THE SCHOOL BOARD STRIVES TO INQUIRE INTO THE PROPOSITION.

A Report to be Made Next Month Whether It is an Advantage to Furnish the Pupils with Text-Books—The Superintendent's Communication.

The March meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Thursday evening with the following members present: Messrs. Bernard, Baker, Breneman, Bolesman, Brocius, Byrne, Farmister, Eisenman, Evans, Griesel, Hartman, Leitch, Mearns, McConomy, Morrison, McKilligan, Ochs, Owens, Ponia, Rust, Ringwalt, Shirk, Schwab, Smeach, Snyder, Warfel, White, Wickersham, Wohlben and Dr. Levergood, president.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved to be read.

My Evans, from the finance committee, reported the following bills as having been examined and found correct, and on his motion the treasurer was directed to pay the same: John H. Loucks, messenger, \$16; Lancaster Press Printing, \$100; John P. Schuman, repairs, \$15.60; Lancaster Gas company, \$39.05; Lancaster Examiner, printing and advertising, \$10.35; Henry Smeach, kindling wood, \$9; Guthrie & Son, glassing, etc., \$5.99; L. B. Welch, printing, \$10; Francis K. Hartman, \$20; Hager & Brother, carpenter, \$2.54; Casper Weisler, night school janitor, \$12.

Mr. Ringwalt, of the night school committee, reported a good attendance at the boys' night school, but a poor one at the girls' night school. The committee recommended a closing of the latter school to-morrow evening. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION. Dr. Wickersham, of the special committee appointed to look after the proposed legislation relating to the government of the city of Lancaster, reported that he had spent two days at Harrisburg in the interest of the board. He found Lancaster's senators and members ready and anxious to carry out the wishes of the school board. He found however that there would be serious difficulty in having the bill passed, as there are twenty-four cities of the state affected by the proposed bill, and of these twenty were represented in the Inter-municipal convention.

This morning he received a communication from the school authorities of Williamsport asking Lancaster to join them in an effort to have stricken from the bill legislation as to school management and naming Tuesday next as the time of the meeting.

The committee were directed to confer with the Williamsport committee. The proposed bill has been placed in special order for Thursday next in the Senate.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Following is the report of the city superintendent: LANCASTER, PA., March 3, 1887. To the Board of School Directors: GENTLEMEN:—Your city superintendent desires to report to you on the progress of the public schools for the month of February.

The whole number of pupils enrolled was 263 in the high schools, 803 in the grammar, 1,020 in the intermediate, 1,133 in the primary, making a total of 3,455, and enrolling 124 attending the night schools, the enrollment for the month was 3,577.

The average daily attendance was 202 in the high schools, 825 in the grammar, 1,020 in the intermediate, and 1,125 in the primary, making a total of 5,099, and adding, as before, attending the night schools, the whole number of pupils present during the month was 12,087, the average percentage of attendance was 88, the number of pupils absent during the month was 1,208; the average percentage of attendance was 88, the number of pupils absent during the month was 1,208; the average percentage of attendance was 88, the number of pupils absent during the month was 1,208.

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Trade Dollar and Anti-Polygamy Bills. The bill for the redemption of trade dollars and the anti-polygamy bills have become law and the president's signature has been placed on the expiration of the constitutional limitation of ten days within which he should have returned the bills to Congress in case of disapproval. Both bills were carefully considered by the committee, and the committee found no objection to either, and they were referred to the committee on the New York treasury, where it is presumed the bulk of the trade dollars will be presented for redemption, Acting Secretary Fairchild has instructed the assistant treasurer at New York to forward the coins as fast as redeemed to the assay office, where they will be melted into gold.

A Flour Warehouse Falls. In Minneapolis, Thursday morning, the flour warehouse "V," of Pillsbury & Co., tumbled down with a crash. It was 100 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 125 feet high, and was a frame, and covered a block of ground in length and half a block in width, and was one story high. The damage is variously estimated at \$100,000 to \$200,000. The same firm suffers a loss from similar causes on January 5th, when their east side elevator fell, splitting about 60,000 bushels of wheat and wrecking part of the building.

Activity in York County Tobacco. From the York Daily. Yesterday and Tuesday great quantities of tobacco were delivered in York by farmers from various sections of the county, principally from the lower end, and generally to Lancaster depot. The trains of the York and Pachbottom road were heavily laden with the weed.

Ferrous Inoculated. Henry Davidson, of Terre Hill, has been granted an increase in his pension.

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CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

BUT TWO IMPORTANT APPROPRIATION BILLS DID NOT PASS.

The Fortifications and the Deficiency Measures Fall—The President Withholds his Signature of the Silver and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, 4.—The Forty-ninth Congress has adjourned. DEATH OF THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The president failed to sign the river and harbor appropriation bill prior to adjournment and it consequently died.

The general deficiency appropriation bill failed for lack of time to engross it. The fortification appropriation bill was abandoned—agreement of the conferees being utterly impossible.

JAMES M. TROTTER CONFIRMED. The Senate Finally Accepts the Colored Man to Succeed Another Whom It Rejects. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Senate in executive session this afternoon confirmed the nomination of James M. Trotter to be marshal of the District of Columbia in place of James C. Matthews, whose nomination was rejected, also the nomination of Captain A. W. Greely to be chief signal officer.

THE NEW RECORDER OF DEEDS. James Munroe Trotter is a colored citizen Massachusetts, and on the 15th year of his life his father died, leaving him a small estate, where he began his education in the public schools. For the past thirty-five years he has resided in Massachusetts, where, prior to the war, he was a teacher. Soon after the breaking out of the rebellion he enlisted as a private in the 54th Massachusetts of colored troops, Colonel Alfred S. Hartwell commander, and was promoted for acts of bravery on the battlefield into a lieutenant. Upon his return to civil life he was appointed and filed for eighteen years the position of assistant superintendent of the registered letter department in the Boston postoffice. From this position he was retired in 1864, on account, it is said, of his independence in politics and his avowed purpose of supporting President Cleveland. During the campaign of 1864, he was appointed one of the secretaries of the "Committee of One Hundred" of Boston, and was active in support of the nominee of the Democratic party. He is the author of a volume entitled "Music and Musical People, or the story of Musical Races." He is one of the trustees of the Massachusetts school for the deaf and dumb, and for the past three years he has been engaged in real estate business in Hyde Park.

PROCEEDING IN DETAIL. What Was Done in the Last Hours of the Congress. The Adjournment a Few Minutes Ago. WASHINGTON, March 4.—(Senate)—The Senate at 2:30 a. m. laid aside temporarily the deficiency bill and received the conference report on the naval appropriation bill which was agreed to by the committee on the part of the Senate.

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